do not block movement of other passengers.

Top priority to the Uni-gauge system

3483. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accorded top priority to the uni-gauge system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total distance of metre-gauge line in Southern Railway; and

(d) the names and the total distance of metre-gauge lines to be converted into broad-gauge line in Southern Railway during the year 1993-94 and those during the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An action plan to convert selected MG / NG lines has been taken up under which 6000 kms of such lines are proposed for conversion in the 8th Five Year Plan.

(c) 4,333 kms.

(d) (i) The following sections are proposed to be opened during 1993-94:—

1. Tipture-Arsikere	30 kms.
2. Mount St. Thomas-Tambram	10 kms.
3. Arsikere-Chikjajur	114 kms.
4. Chikjajur-Chitradurg	34 kms.
	188 kms

(ii) The following lines are targetted for opening during the 8th Plan including 1993-94 subject to availability of resources:—

1. Challekere-Chikjajur	69 kms.
2. Bangalore-Yelahanka-Hubli	511 kms.
3. Madras-Trichy	390 kms.
4. Madurai-Tuticorin	134 kms.
	1104 kms

Constitution of Railway Recruitment Boards for Different Zones

3484. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the procedure adopted in constituting Railway Recruitment Boards for different zones;

(b) whether any qualifications are fixed for the post of Chairman of the zonal Railway Recruitment Boards;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether Government are aware that some zonal Railway Recruitment Boards are indulging in malpractices;

(e) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted in the last three years; and

(f) what are the details of such enquiries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Chairmen and Member Secretaries are selected in consultation with the Union Public Service Commission and Assistant Secretaries from Group 'B' officers of the Railways.

(b) and (c) Serving or retired officers of the Central Government (including Railways) or State Governments, educationists eminent lawyers, other persons of standing including former Members of Parliament between 45